Consecrated Space

1910 — 2013

Visual Journaling
Windows and Final Services

Dewayne & Ginnie Lowther

Visual Journaling by Ginnie and Dewayne Lowther

Stained Glass Windows
Final Christmas Service
Service of Deconsecration

Copies of 1910 Corner Stone Laying Service — Program from1939 Uniting Conference

Ginnie & Dewayne have published many self assigned and self funded Visual Journaling books about church and community events as a ***Ministry of Memory!***

This Visual Journaling book will serve as a *Ministry of Memory* for many after demolition of this Consecrated Space! It will be printed and also made available on Archive.org with their other Visual Jourrnaling books.

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Section 2 — September 5-11 in 1939, this ***Consecrated Space*** was the site of a merger of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Western Virgina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Section 3 — Plans for this ***Consecrated Space*** provided for many stained glass windows which have been photographed by Ginnie Lowther, former Chair of the West Virginia Conference Commission on Archives and History and Dewayne Lowther, former Annual Conference Secretary.

Section 4 — December 6, 2012, a Children's Christmas Program was presented in this ***Consecrated Space*** to honor childrem of other nationalities and in remembrance of children killed that month in Sandy Hook Elementary School. Luminaries with those children's names were placed in the sanctuary.

Section 5 — January 20, 2013 Service of Deconsecration of ***Consecrated Space***.

.. Corner Stone Laying ..

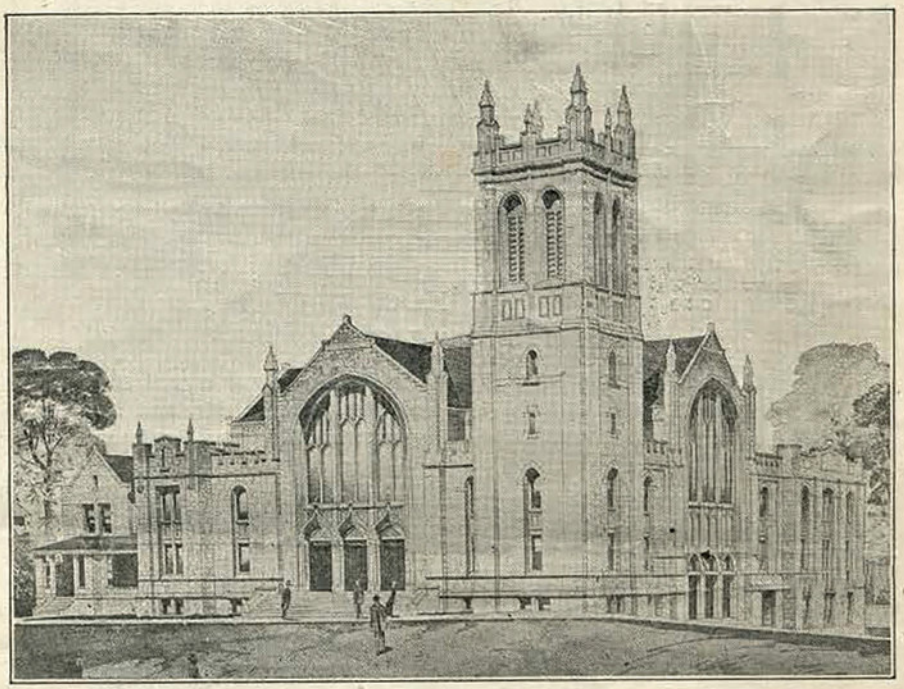
New
First Methodist Episcopal Church

Corner Fairmont Avenue and Fourth St.,

Fairmont, W. Va.

Friday, October Fourteenth, 1910

2:30 P. M.

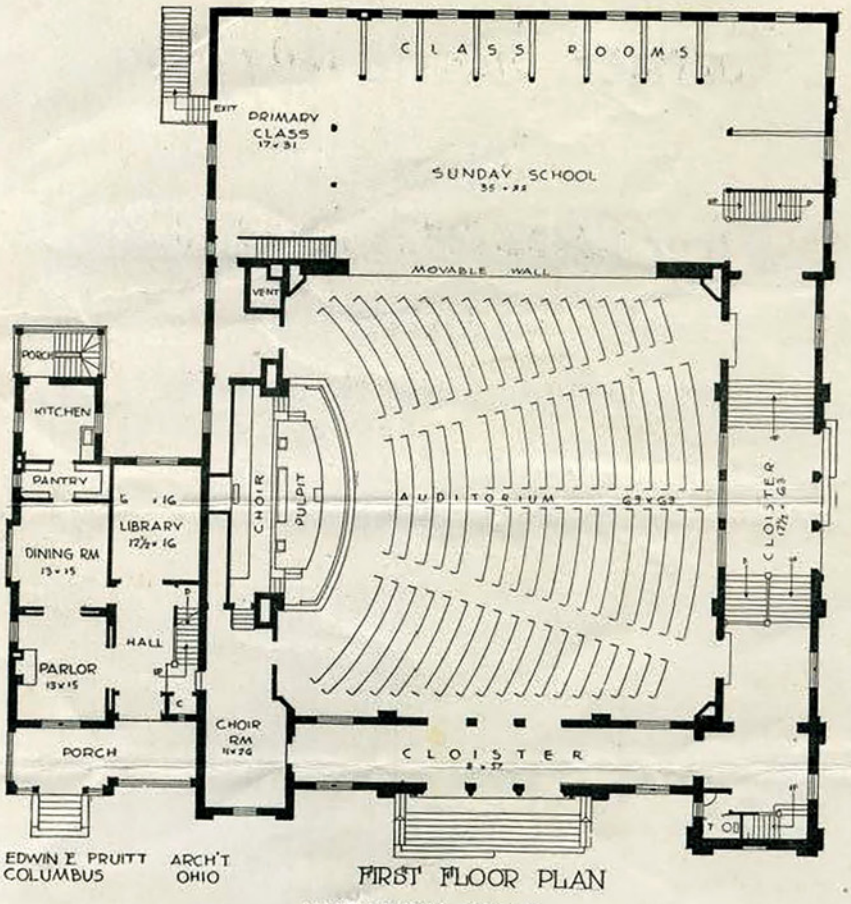


"Upon this rock will I build my church." Except the Lord built a house they labor in vain that build it." "The Glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts."

BISHOP JOSEPH F. BERRY, D. D., LL. D., Officiating.
REV. GEORGE DOLLIVER SMITH, District Supt.
REV. HARRY C. HOWARD, Pastor.

An opportunity will be given to all who wish to contribute a dollar or more and have their cards placed in the Corner Stone.

Architect—Edwin E. Pruitt, Columbus, Ohio.
Contractor—Holbert & Spedden, Fairmont, W. Va.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

HISTORICAL FACTS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in Fairmont was organized in 1837 with seven members, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. James Burns; Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Boggess; and Eugenus Boydston.

The first pastor was the Rev. Frank Reed, who was the first Methodst itinerant preacher to preach in Fairmont.

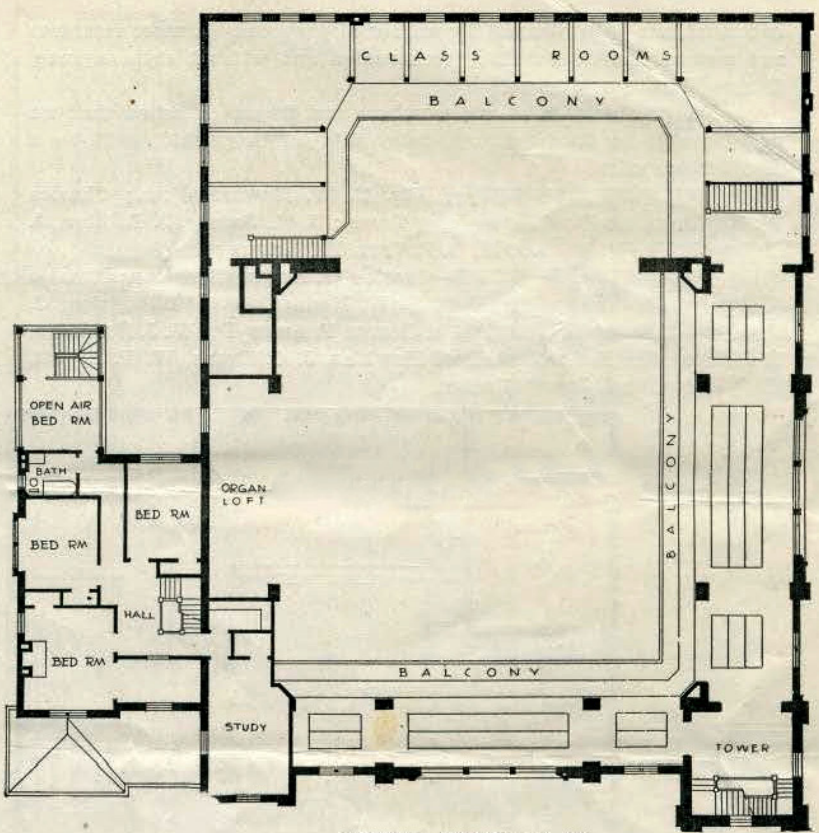
The first church building was erected in 1842 where the Protestant Episcopal Church now stands.

te The present church was erected in 1853-4 under the pastorate of the Rev. James Monroe, and dedicated June 4th, 1854 by Bishop Scott and Dr. Abel Stevens, the historian of Methodism. The Board of Trustees then was composed of Festus C. Pitcher; M. D. Hoult; D. Turney; J. F. Dorsey; Oliver Jackson; Charles H. Connelly; Marshall Jackson; Josuah B. Hirons; and George B. D. Zumbro.

Three members of the church now were members of the first organization, viz: Mrs. Ruhama Boydston; Mrs. E. J. Vance and Mrs. Eli Musgrave.

At the close of Dr. Gideon Martin's pastorate, 1851, Fairmont was made a station, and the Rev. J. S. Patterson was the first stationed pastor, 1851-3.

The following ministers who served the church spent their last years in Fairmont, and now sleep in Woodlawn cemetery: Rev. Gideon Martin, D. D., Rev. W. R. White, D. D., Rev. J. W. W. Bolton, and Rev. Jeremiah Engle.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

THE NEW CHURCH.

Lot purchased on the corner of Fairmont avenue and Fourth street, May 4, 1903.

Definite steps taken to build February 14th, 1910.

Adjoining lot of fifty feet purchased on which to build a parsonage in connection with church, March 25th, 1910.

March 25th, 1910 Quarterly Conference authorized Trustees to negotiate sale of present church and parsonage property, and constituted them a building committee with power to act.

Plans and specifications of Architect Edwin E. Pruitt, Columbus, Ohio adopted May 7, 1910.

August 9, 1910 Trustees contracted with T. Wilbur Hennen for sale of present church property on Main street.

August 10, 1910, bids for the construction of new church were opened and contract was awarded to Holbert & Spedden, Fairmont, W. Va.

Monday, August 15, 1910, ground was broken for new church at seven o'clock in the morning. A large gathering of members, Sunday School scholars and friends being present.

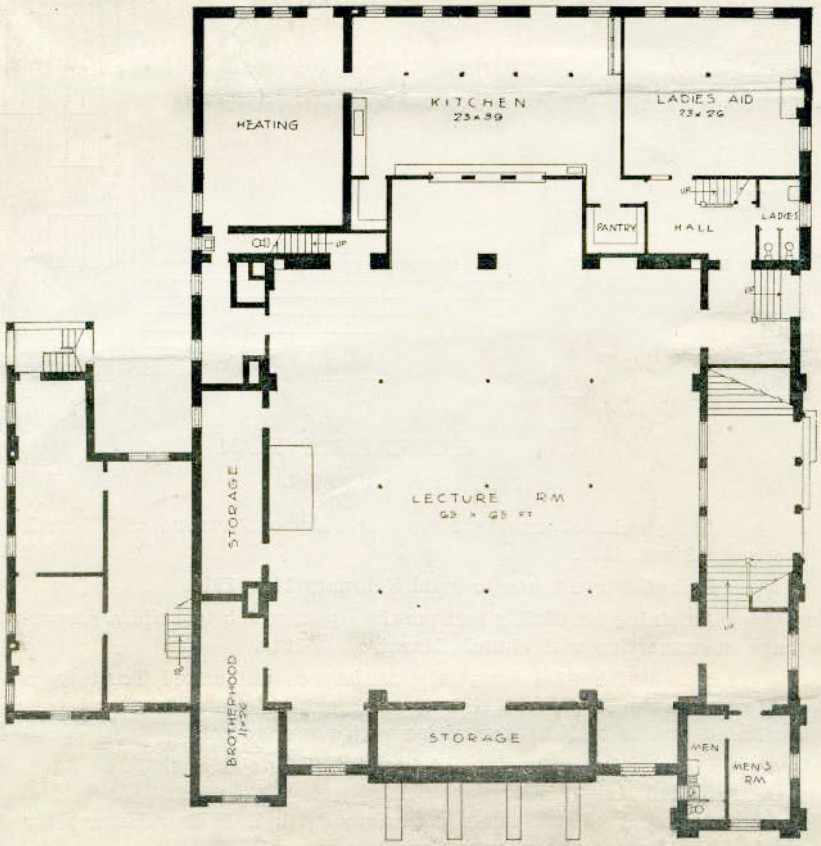
The accompanying illustrations show the general plan and arrangements of the church, and parsonage adjoining. The Building Committee believes that every need of the congregation has been provided for. The church will be heated and ventilated by a modern fan system and beautifully lighted from the dome and arches, and the

basement has been planned for all social purposes. A most complete and modern church, carefully constructed and without extravagance, this will be our new home.

The co-operation of our members and friends is asked that we may be able to finish without delay this building which will be a credit to our city.

BUILDING COMMITTEE—Dr. E. W. Howard, Pres.; Charles W. Robinson, Sec'y.; M. J. Lantz, Treas.; J. M. Jacobs, J. R. Linn, I. N. Lough, Dr. W. C. Jamison, L. P. Carr, Eli Musgrave.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Charles W. Evans, Chairman; Kemble White, W. R. Crane, C. S. Holt, T. W. Hennen, W. S. Billingslea, C. F. Crane, J. E. Smith, F. J. Smith, George F. Amos, Dr. W. J. Boydston, J. A. Meredith, E. Trickett, Berl Hawkins, J. C. Evans, W. E. Arnett, C. S. Riggs, Prof. Joseph Rosier.



BASEMENT PLAN

CORNER STONE SERVICE.

Invocation.

Hymn No. 208.

Prayer—Rev. Charles K. Jenness, Morgantown, W. Va.

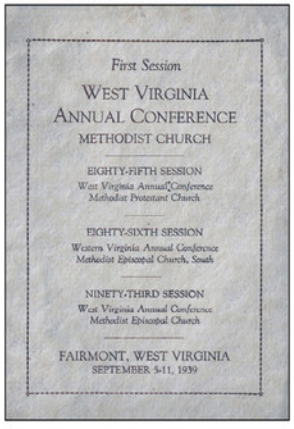
Historical Sketch—Pastor.

Hymn No. 657. (Tune Pleyel's Hymn)

Introduction of Bishop Berry by Rev. G. D. Smith, District Superintendent of Morgantown District.

Address and Laying of the Corner Stone by the Bishop according to the ritual of the church, assisted by the builder and Building Committee.

Section two-1939 Uniting Conference Forming the Methodist Church



First Session

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FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA
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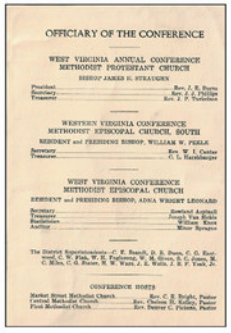

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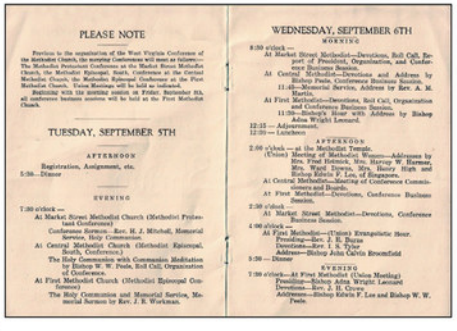

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

AFTERNOON

Registration, Assignment, etc.
5:30—Dinner

EVENING

7:30 o'clock —
At Market Street Methodist Church (Methodist Protestant Conference):
Conference Sermon.—Rev. H. J. Mitchell, Memorial Service, Holy Communion.
At Central Methodist Church (Methodist Episcopal, South, Conference.)
The Holy Communion with Communion Meditation by Bishop W. W. Peele, Roll Call, Organization of Conference.
At First Methodist Church (Methodist Episcopal Conference)
The Holy Communion and Memorial Service, Memorial Sermon by Rev. J. R. Workman.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

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At Central Methodist—Meeting of Conference Commissions and Boards.
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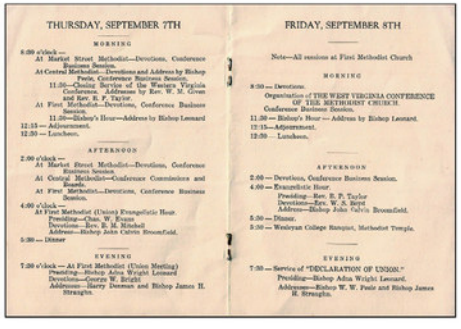

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8:00 o'clock —
At Market Street Methodist—Devotions, Conference Business Session.
At Central Methodist—Devotions and Address by Bishop Peele, Conference Business Session.
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Note—All sessions at First Methodist Church

MORNING

8:30 — Devotions.
Organization of THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.
Conference Business Session.
11:30 — Bishop's Hour — Address by Bishop Leonard.
12:15—Adjournment.
12:30 — Luncheon.

AFTERNOON

2:00 — Devotions, Conference Business Session.
4:00 — Evangelistic Hour.
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Devotions—Rev. W. S. Sayre
Address—Bishop John Calvin Broomfield.
5:30 — Dinner.
8:00 — Wesleyan College Banquet, Methodist Temple.

EVENING

7:30 — Service of "DECLARATION OF UNION."
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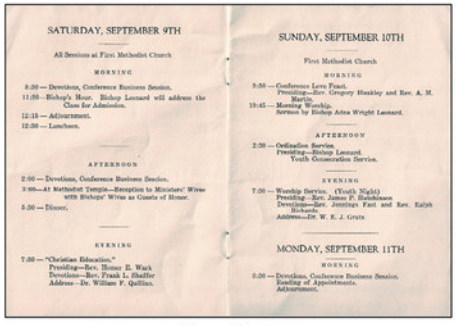


SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

All Sessions at First Methodist Church

MORNING

8:30 — Devotions, Conference Business Session.
11:30—Bishop's Hour. Bishop Leonard will address the Class for Admission.
12:15 — Adjournment.
12:30 — Luncheon.

AFTERNOON

2:00 — Devotions, Conference Business Session.
3:00—At Methodist Temple—Reception to Ministers' Wives with Bishops' Wives as Guests of Honor.
5:30 — Dinner.

EVENING

7:30 — "Christian Education."
Presiding—Rev. Homer E. Wark
Devotions—Rev. Frank L. Shaffer
Address—Dr. William P. Quillian.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

First Methodist Church

MORNING

9:30 — Conference Love Feast.
Presiding—Rev. Gregory Hinckley and Rev. A. M. Martin.
10:45 — Morning Worship.
Sermon by Bishop Adna Wright Leonard.

AFTERNOON

2:30 — Ordination Service.
Presiding—Bishop Leonard.
Youth Consecration Service.

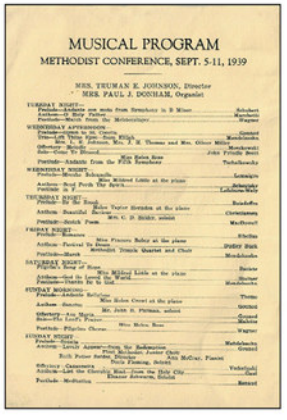
EVENING

7:30 — Worship Service. (Youth Night)
Presiding—Rev. James P. Hutchinson
Devotions—Rev. Jennings Fast and Rev. Ralph Richards.
Address—Dr. W. E. J. Cook.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

MORNING

9:30 — Devotions, Conference Business Session.
Reading of Appointments.
Adjournment.



MUSICAL PROGRAM
METHODIST CONFERENCE, SEPT. 5-11, 1939

MRS. TRUMAN E. JOHNSON, Director
MRS. PAUL J. DONHAM, Organist

TUESDAY NIGHT—
Prelude—Andante con moto from Symphony in B Minor ..... Schubert
Anthem—Hear My Prayer ..... Mendelssohn
Postlude—March from the Meistersinger ..... Wagner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
Prelude—Adagio in G. Cantor ..... Gounod
Trio—Lift Thine Eyes (from Elijah) ..... Mendelssohn
Mrs. Ward Brown, Mrs. J. M. Thomas and Mrs. Oliver Miller
Offertory—Reverie ..... Moszkowski
Solo—Come To Bimini ..... John Prindle Scott
Miss Helen Rose
Postlude—Ballade from the Fifth Symphony ..... Tschaikowsky

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Prelude—Moonlit Intermezzo ..... Lemaire
Anthem—Send Forth Thy Spirit ..... Schnecky
Postlude in F ..... Lemmens-Mailly

THURSDAY NIGHT
Prelude—By the Brook ..... Rudolfo
Miss Helen Taylor Herndon at the piano
Anthem—Beautiful Saviour ..... Christiansen
Mrs. C. D. Bilder, soloist
Postlude—Scotch Poem ..... MacDowell

FRIDAY NIGHT
Prelude—Romance ..... Rhelm
Miss Vincent Baker at the piano
Anthem—Festival Te Deum ..... Dudley Buck
Methodist Temple Quartet and Choir
Postlude—March ..... Mendelssohn

SATURDAY NIGHT
Prelude—Song of Home ..... Bonnet
Miss Mildred Little at the piano
Offertory—God So Loved the World ..... Stainer
Postlude—Praise Ye the Lord ..... Mendelssohn

SUNDAY MORNING
Prelude—Andante Religioso ..... Thome
Miss Helen Cover at the piano
Anthem—Sanctus ..... Gounod
Mr. John D. Pitman, soloist
Offertory—Ave Maria ..... Gounod
Solo—Ora Lord, Prayer ..... Malotte
Miss Helen Rose
Postlude—Pilgrim Chorus ..... Wagner

SUNDAY NIGHT
Prelude—Evening ..... Rathbun
Anthem—Lovely Appear—Song for Redemption ..... Gounod
First Methodist Junior Choir
Ruth Potter Jordan, Director Ann McCray, Pianist
Doris Fleming, Soloist
Offertory—Consecrate ..... Vederlofi
Antiphon—Let the Cherubic Host—From the Holy City ..... Gaul
Eleanor Ashworth, Soloist
Postlude—Meditation ..... Batiste

Russell D. Lowther holding Elder Certificate

Russell, Catherine and Dewayne Lowther

First Church Fairmont
Site of Historic Uniting Conference
September 5-11, 1939

Methodist Episcopal Church North
Methodist Episcopal Church South
Methodist Protestant Church

ORDINATION SERVICE – 3:00 o'clock with Bishop Adna Wright Leonard presiding. The following persons were ordained Deacons: George Elwood Anderson, William Bowling, Jennings Howard Fast, George Dolliver Goodman and Rolla John Matheney.

The following were ordained Elders by Bishop Leonard: Garrett Holbrook. Evans, Harold A. Grandstaff, Randall B. Hamrick, Roland Harley Kennedy, March Dale Loar, Russell Dewayne Lowther, Leslie Hermon Strader.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

First Methodist Church

MORNING

9:30 — Conference Love Feast.
Presiding—Rev. Gregory Bleakley and Rev. A. M. Martin.

10:45 — Morning Worship.
Sermon by Bishop Adna Wright Leonard.

AFTERNOON

2:30 — Ordination Service.
Presiding—Bishop Leonard.
Youth Consecration Service.

EVENING

7:30 — Worship Service. (Youth Night)
Presiding—Rev. James P. Hutchinson
Devotions—Rev. Jennings Fast and Rev. Ralph Richards.
Address—Dr. W. E. J. Gratz.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

MORNING

8:30 — Devotions, Conference Business Session.
Reading of Appointments.
Adjournment.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

METHODIST CONFERENCE, SEPT. 5-11, 1939

MRS. TRUMAN E. JOHNSON, Director
MRS. PAUL J. DONHAM, Organist

TUESDAY NIGHT—
Prelude—Andante con moto from Symphony in B Minor ..... Schubert
Anthem—O Holy Father ..... Marchetti
Postlude—March from the Meistersinger ..... Wagner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—
Prelude—Hymn to St. Cecelia ..... Gounod
Trio—Lift Thine Eyes—from Elijah ..... Mendelssohn
Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Thomas and Mrs. Oliver Miller
Offertory—Melodie ..... Moszkowski
Solo—Come Ye Blessed ..... John Prindle Scott
Miss Helen Rose
Postlude—Andante from the Fifth Symphony ..... Tschaikowsky

WEDNESDAY NIGHT—
Prelude—Marche Solonnelle ..... Lemaigre
Miss Mildred Little at the piano
Anthem—Send Forth Thy Spirit ..... Schuelaky
Postlude in F ..... Lefebure-Wely

THURSDAY NIGHT—
Prelude—By the Brook ..... Boisdeffre
Helen Taylor Herndon at the piano
Anthem—Beautiful Saviour ..... Christiansen
Mrs. C. D. Snider, soloist
Postlude—Scotch Poem ..... MacDowell

FRIDAY NIGHT—
Prelude—Romance ..... Sibelius
Miss Frances Robey at the piano
Anthem—Festival Te Deum ..... Dudley Buck
Methodist Temple Quartet and Choir
Postlude—March ..... Mendelssohn

SATURDAY NIGHT—
Pilgrim's Song of Hope ..... Batiste
Miss Mildred Little at the piano
Anthem—God So Loved the World ..... Stainer
Postlude—Thanks Be to God ..... Mendelssohn

SUNDAY MORNING—
Prelude—Andante Religioso ..... Thome
Miss Helen Crowl at the piano
Anthem—Sanctus ..... Gounod
Mr. John H. Furman, soloist
Offertory—Ave Maria ..... Gounod
Solo—The Lord's Prayer ..... Malotte
Miss Helen Rose
Postlude—Pilgrims Chorus ..... Wagner

SUNDAY NIGHT—
Prelude—Sonata ..... Mendelssohn
Anthem—Lovely Appear—from the Redemption ..... Gounod
First Methodist Junior Choir
Ruth Potter Snider, Director Ann McCray, Pianist
Doris Fleming, Soloist
Offertory—Canzonetta ..... Vodorinski
Anthem—List the Cherubic Host—from the Holy City ..... Gaul
Eleanor Schwarm, Soloist
Postlude—Meditation ..... Renaud

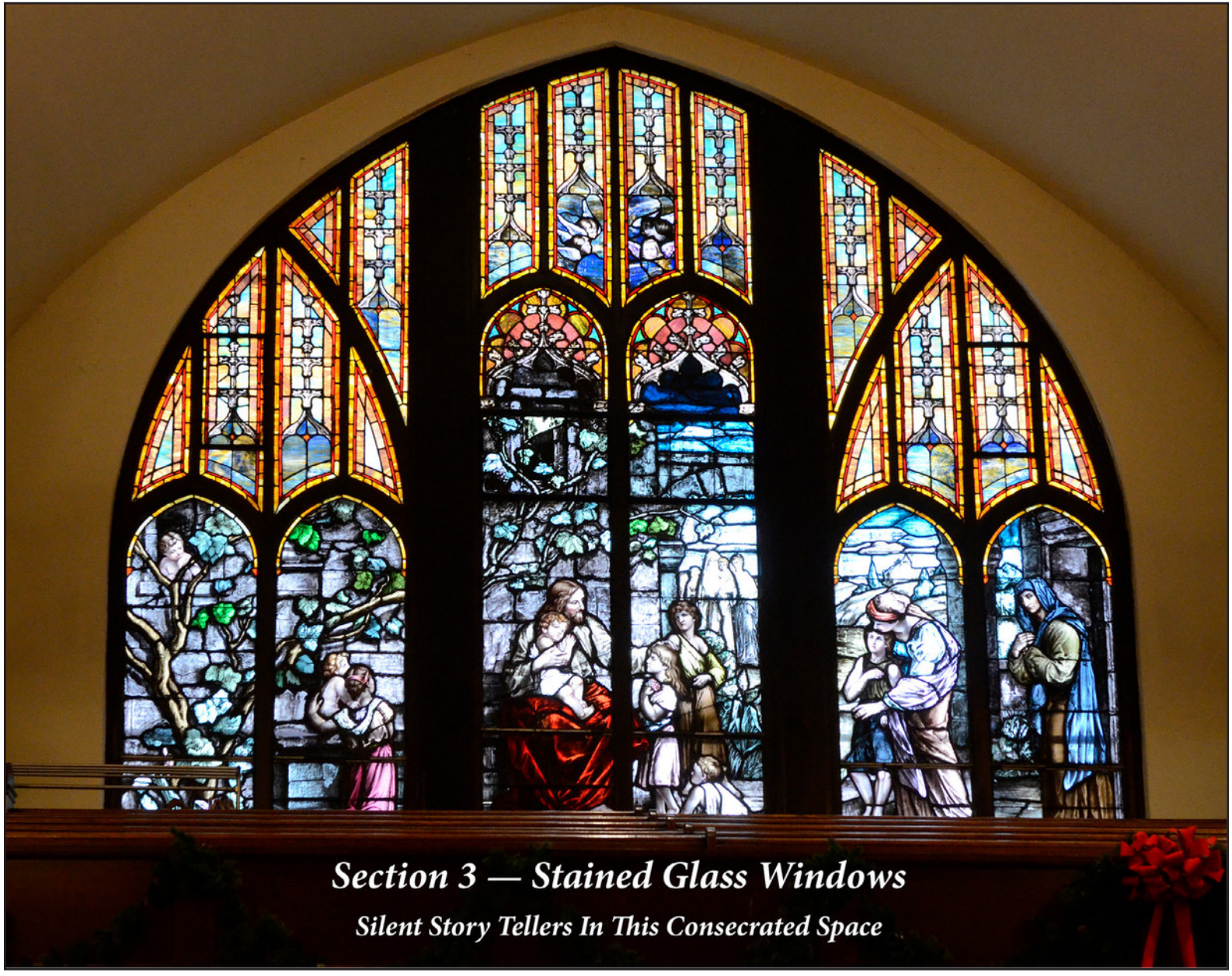
ORDAINED ELDER AT THE UNITING CONFERENCE 1939

Another memorable Conference Session was the First Annual Session of The Methodist Church, held at Fairmont, West Virginia, September 4th. to 10th., 1939. It was a memorable conference for two special reasons from my point of view. It was the Uniting Conference at which three branches of the former Methodist Episcopal Church were re-united, namely, The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, resident bishop of the M. E. Church, served as presiding Bishop. Also, it was the conference in which I was ordained Elder.

The Ordination Service took place at 3:00 P. M. on Sunday, September 10th., with Bishop Leonard p residing and being assisted by the district superintendents and other Elders present.

Those Ordained Elder Included:

Garrett H. Evans
Harold Grandstaff
Randall B. Hamrick
Roland H. Kennedy
March D. Loar
Russell D. Lowther
Leslie H. Strader.



Section 3 — Stained Glass Windows

Silent Story Tellers In This Consecrated Space

HE WAS A GOOD MAN AND
FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST
AND OF FAITH
IN MEMORY OF
REV. JEREMIAH ENGLE.

IN MEMORY OF
J.W.W.BOLTON,D.D.,M.D

IN MEMORY OF
WM. R. WHITE, D.D.

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STEPHEN H. AMOS.

GIFT OF M.B. BARTLETT AND FAMILY

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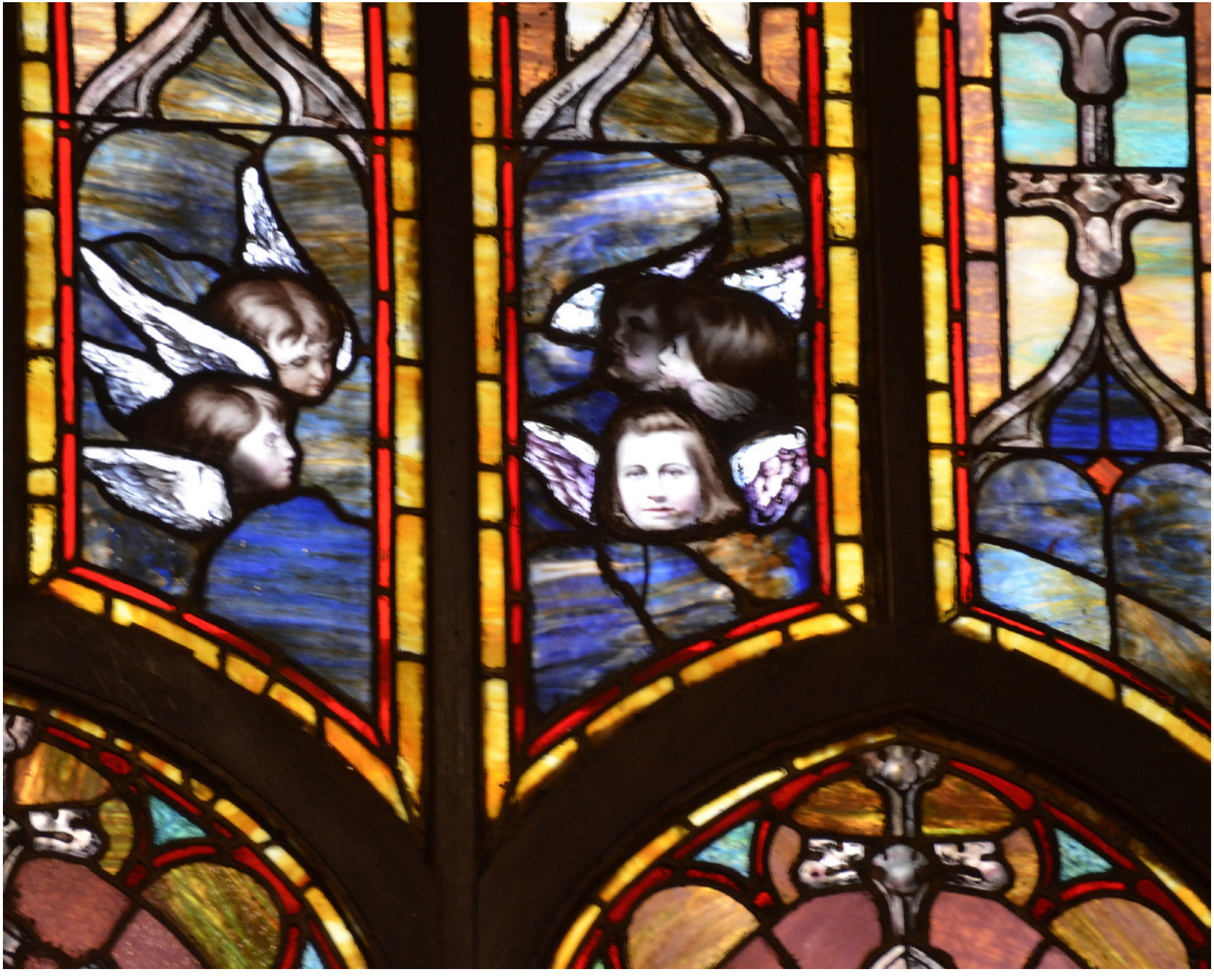

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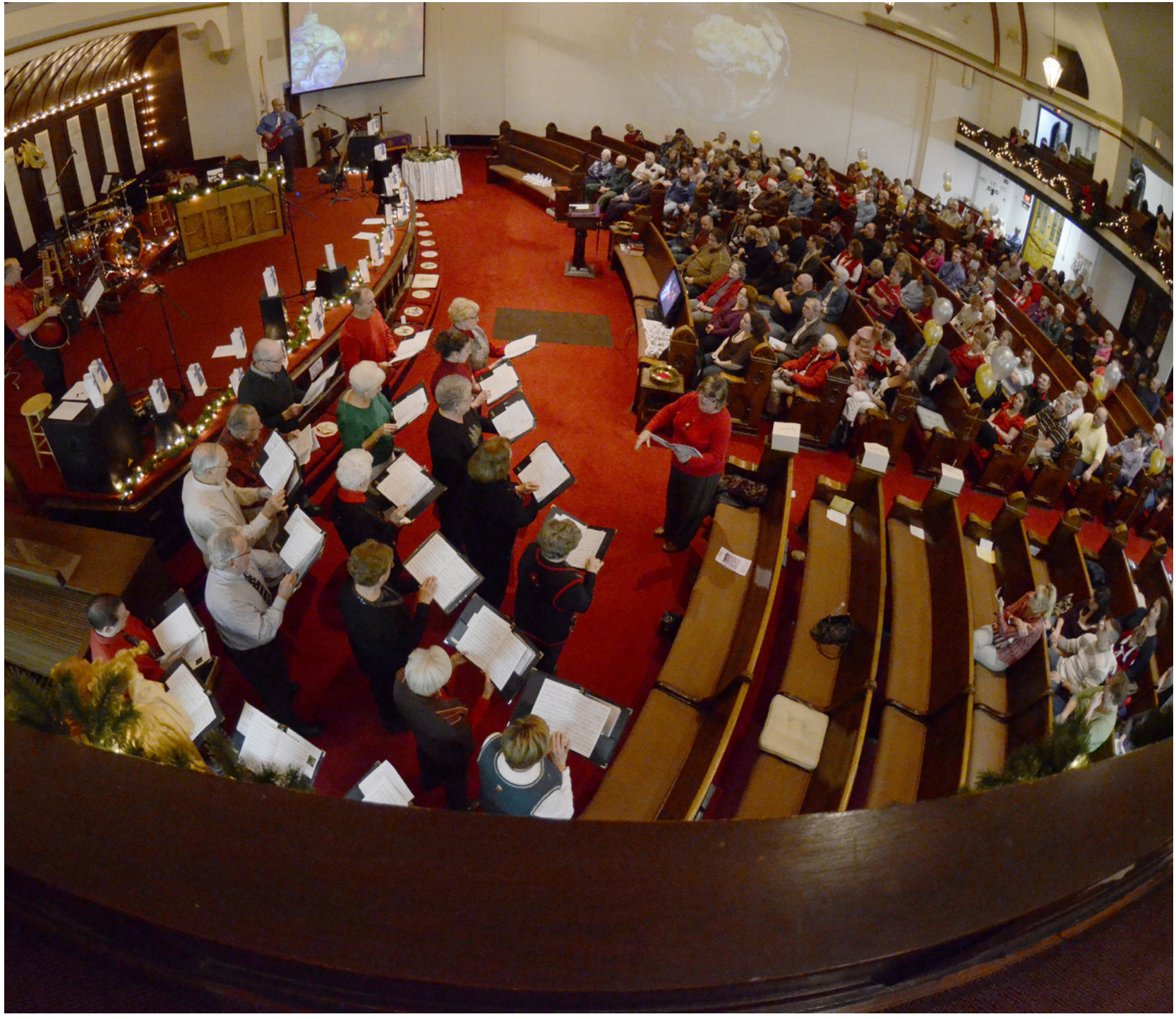
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Καλά Χριστούγεννα
On Christmas Night

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Come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
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And death's dark
Shadows put to flight

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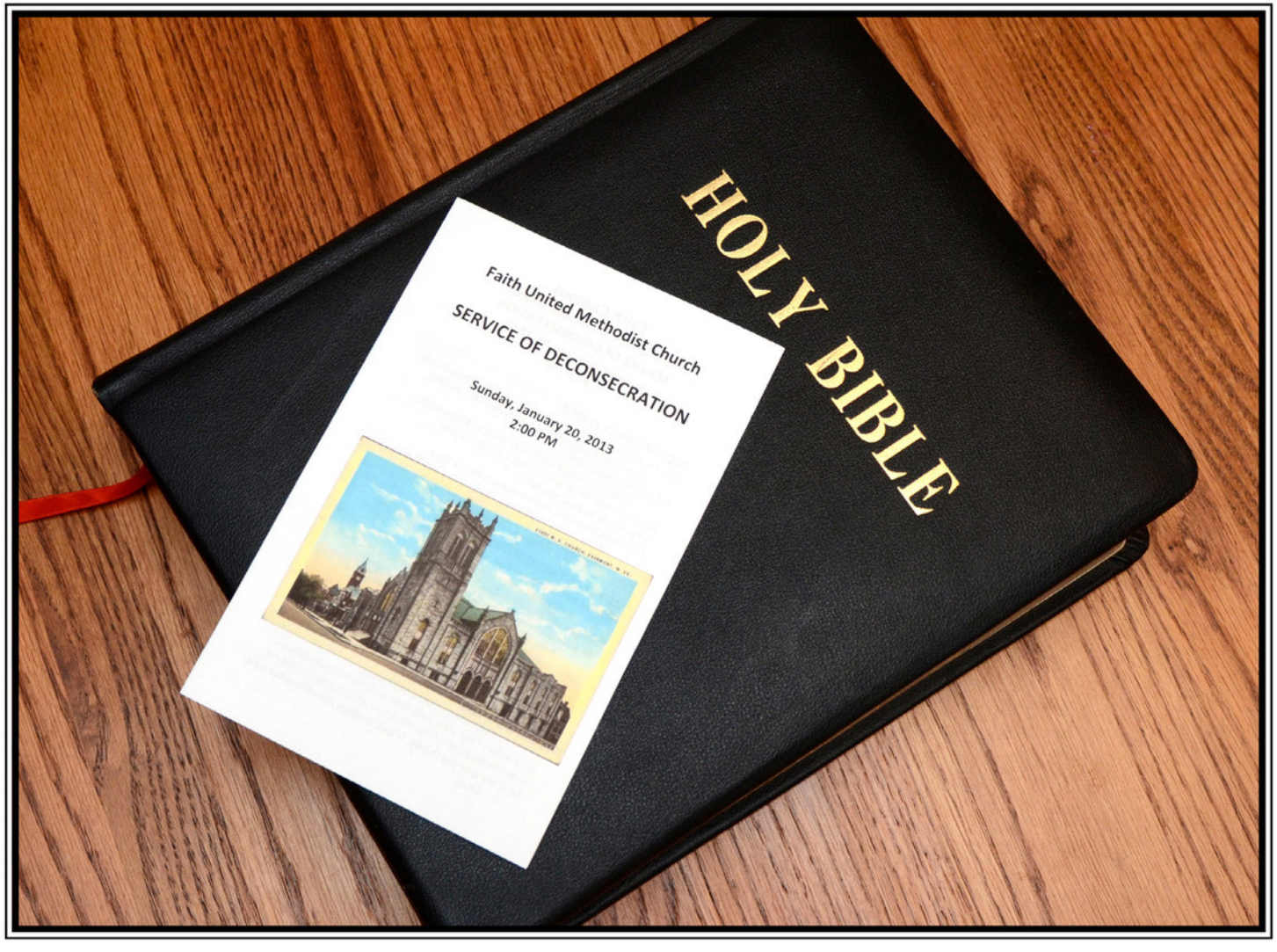
Section 5 —Service of Deconsecration



District Superindent's report to 2013 Annual Conference

MonValley District:

The **Faith Congregation** merged with the **St. Paul Congregation** and, as of the 2012 Annual Conference, became the **Life United Methodist Church.** Two members of the Commission attended the final Christmas program held in the sanctuary of the former Faith Congregation on December 20, 2012, and were asked to speak at the **Deconsecration Service** on January 20, 2013. At the conclusion of that occasion, the cross, Bible, and offering plates, as well as the Christian flag and the United States flag, were carried from the sanctuary signifying that it was no longer a place of meeting for a congregation of The United Methodist Church. This church building had been home of the former First Methodist Episcopal Church in Fairmont, which was the site of the 1939 Uniting Conference, at which time the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church became *The Methodist Church*. The Bible, used in the Uniting Conference and containing signatures of Bishops, Superintendents, and Conference officers, as well as of those who were ordained Deacon or Elder at that historic service, was presented to the chair of the Commission for placement in the Annual Conference Archives at Wesleyan. (See photographs on display during the Mission Fair at the 2013 Annual Conference).

Faith Campus

LIFE United Methodist Church

SERVICE OF DECONSECRATION

Sunday, January 20, 2013

2:00 PM

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

The time has come for this congregation of Christ's holy Church,
under God's leadership, to take leave of this building.
It has been consecrated
for the ministry of God's Holy Word and Sacraments.
It has provided refuge and comfort for God's people.
It has served well our holy faith.
It is fitting, therefore, that we should take our leave
of this consecrated house, lifting up our hearts in
thanksgiving for this common store of memories.

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Blessed be the name of God, whose Word has long been
proclaimed within this hallowed place.
We give you thanks, O God.
As generations have prayed their prayers and sung your praises
here, your Spirit has blessed countless worshipers.
We have celebrated the Lord's Supper here and been nurtured
by it through our journey in faith.
We have rejoiced here as believers, have confessed faith in Christ.
Here we have baptized our children and mourned our dead.
As new families have been created through marriage,
we, our parents, and our children have vowed at this altar
to love, honor, and cherish always.
From within these walls many have gone out to serve you in the
world. As we go now from this house into a further journey of
faith, **We give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

HYMN *We Are the Church* *#558 UMH*

DECLARATION OF DECONSECRATION

This building, having been consecrated and named the
Faith United Methodist Church,
Together with the land on which it stands and all objects remaining
in it, we now deconsecrate and release for any honorable use.
We declare that it is no longer the place of meeting
of a United Methodist congregation.

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, as in your great goodness you have blessed the many
ministries carried on by this congregation in this building
So, now and in the days and years to come,
We pray that you may greatly bless your many ministries
in your ongoing Church.
Bless those persons who have worshiped in the building,
and will now be worshiping along with those
from St. Paul Campus.
As disciples of the risen Christ,
may we be channels at all times of your steadfast love;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* *#117 UMH*

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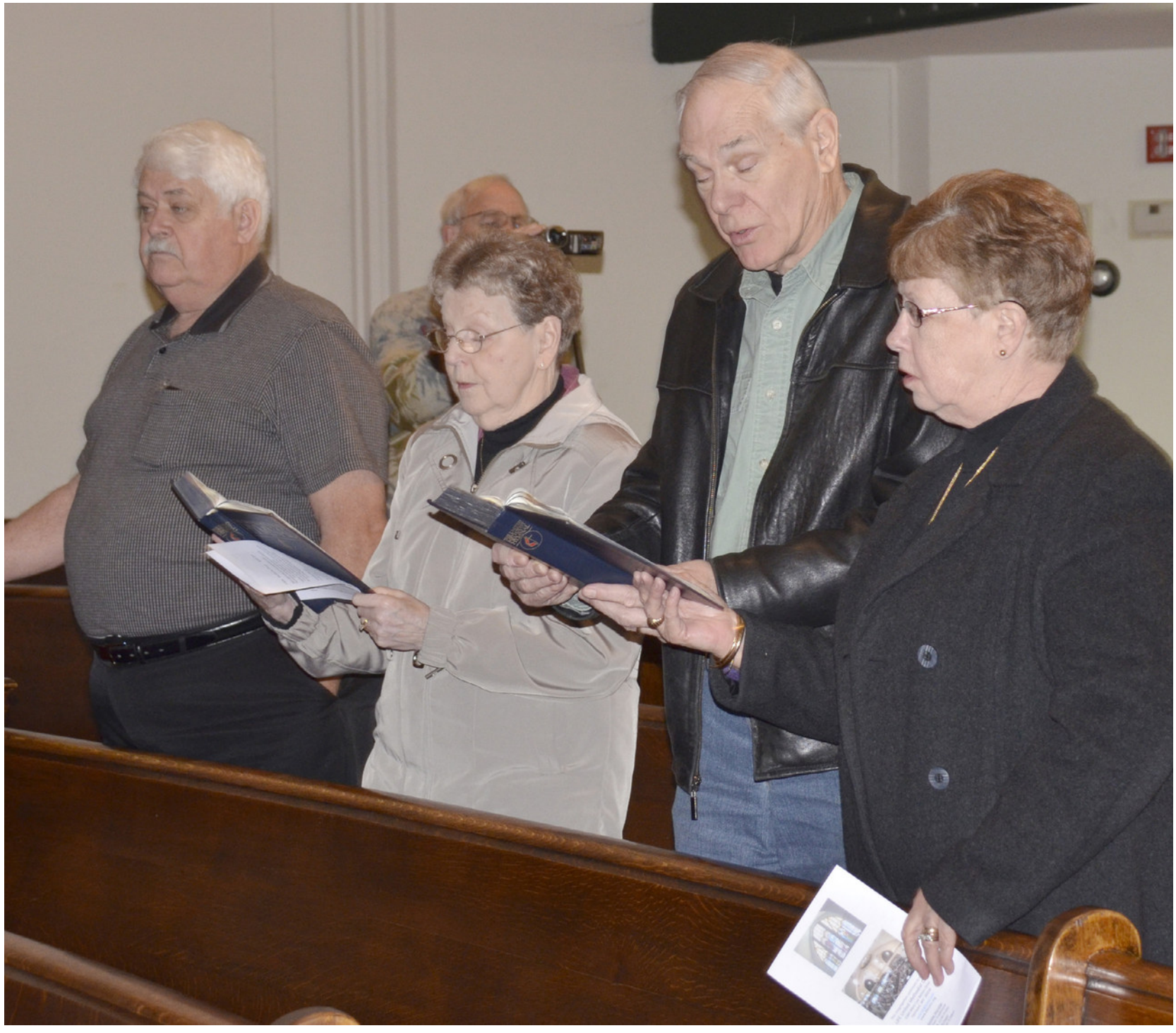
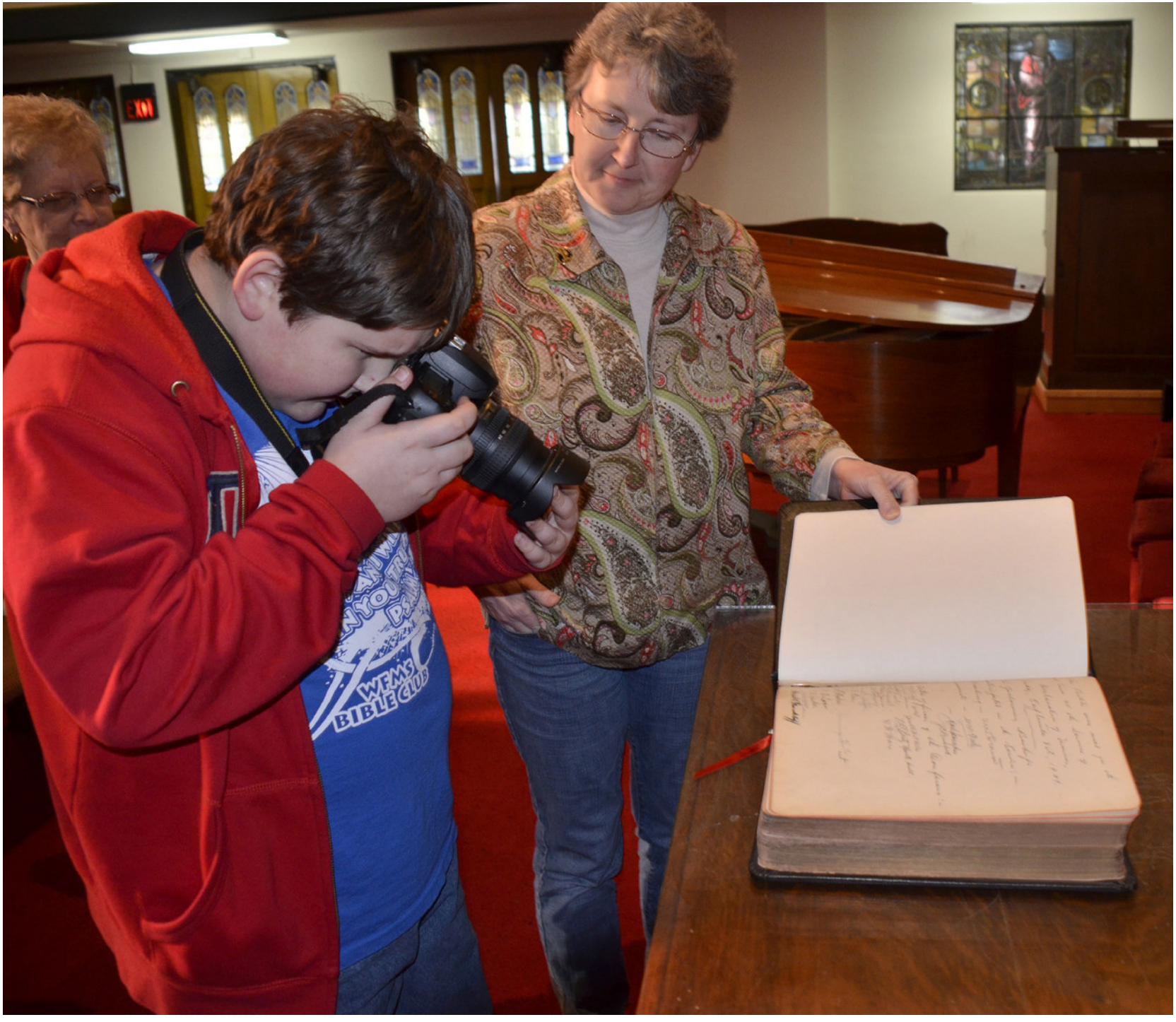
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Friday, September 8th, 1939.

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Associate — W.W. Peele
" — J.W. Straughn
" J.C. Broomfield.

Other Officers of the Conference:—
M. Miles District Supt
Ralph Dunn " Jacob Elbert Wells
Chas. H. Findl " W.E. Gratz Epworth Herald.
C.E. Brandt "
H. Charles Jones " V.W. Ware
W.H. Poteseong "
Frank L. Shaffer
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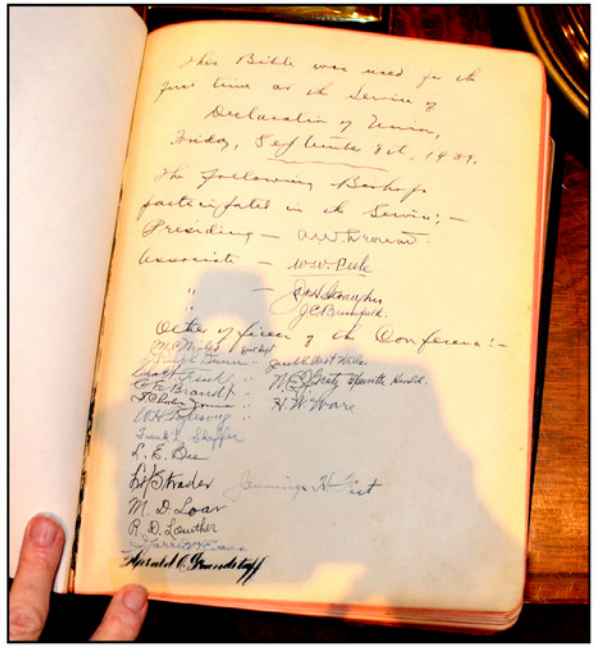
Editor's Notes — Dewayne Lowther



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" — J.C. Burkholder.
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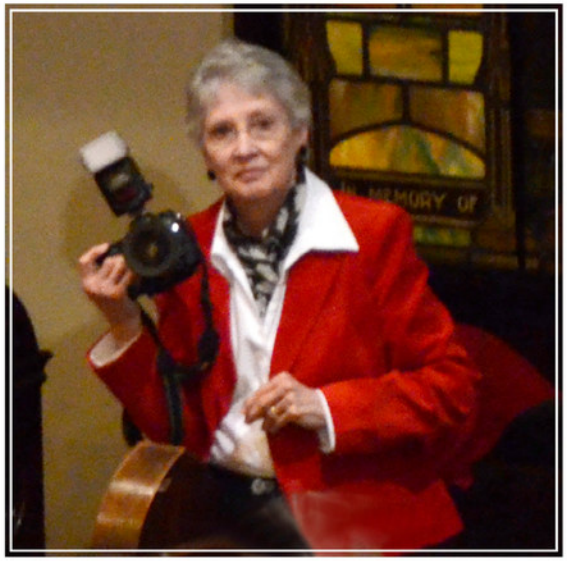
Joseph Hart Keller
Frank
M.E. Brady Hamilton Nield.
E.E. Brandt
H.H. Rule
H.W. Ware
C.W. Flewwelling
Frank L. Shaffer
L.E. Dee
L.J. Trader
M. D. Loar
R. D. Lowther
Harold C. Brandstaff

On Sunday, September 11, 1939, I was nearing my 5th birthday and had just attended an Ordination Service in the ***Consecrated Space*** that is the subject of this book.

My father, Russell Lowther, was ordained Elder at that Uniting Conference service and had been asked to sign in the large Pulpit Bible.

Eighty seven years later, I photographed our grandson, Samuel Hensley, taking a photo of his great grandfather's signature in that Bible.



Thanks to Ginnie for her partnership in this and other Visual Journing projects we have shared since 1952.

Thanks to Paula Lowther McGrew, Librarian and Historian, who helped research this information. Her interest in helping to tell the stories led her to locate the programs, dates, and to connect with Cheryl and Sarah Wilmoth for their thoughts and memories about this Consecrated Space. Sarah, who carried the Bible from the building in the final servic went on to earn her M.Div and to serve in pastoral ministry in the West Virginia Annual Conference.

Appreciation for all involved in creating and maintaining this ***Consecrated Space:***

—Architects who designed the building, skilled workers who brought those designs to life.

— Artists who created beautiful and meaningful stained glass windows
— Musicians who played and sang.

— All who cared for the building for more than 100 years as a ***Consecrated Space***
where people celebrated, grieved, worshipped and served.